## A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1)	Program Operation	State Operated
2)	Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	7 Regional Offices
3)	Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	Hearing Officers in 4 Judicial Districts
4)	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Yes
5)	Agreements With Tribal Entities	Yes. Navajo Nation.
6)	Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18; however, a 16 year old may be emancipated by having entered into valid marriage or active duty in armed services or by receiving declaration of emancipation pursuant to court petition and order showing he/she is living apart and managing his/her own affairs.
7)	Statutes of Limitation:	
	Collection of Past Due Support	14 years pursuant to a previous judgment
	• Paternity Establishment	No later than 3 years after the child has reached the age of majority.
	Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	No
8)	Guidelines	Income Shares
9)	Interest Rates on	
	Missed Payments	The statutory interest rate in effect on the date of the filing of the original petition will be the rate applied to the order unless another rate of interest is specifically specified in the order. NOTE: Application of interest was permissive prior to 06/06/83, and will not be applied unless the order specifies that interest accrue.
		prior to 06/19/77 6%
		06/19/77 -05/14/80 8%
		05/15/80 - 06/16/83 10%
		06/17/83 - 06/17/93 15%
		06/18/93 - present 8.75%
	• Retroactive Support	see above
	Adjudicated Arrearage	see above

10) Arrearage Collections for Non- minor Child(ren)	Yes
11) Distribution Scheme	
AFDC Arrears	Any arrears, judgment or not, would be assigned to the State when a custodial parent is approved for AFDC. No non-AFDC arrears are paid to the custodial parent as long as the AFDC case remains open. Once the AFDC case closes, the State has the option of satisfying AFDC or non-AFDC arrears.
• Non-AFDC Arrears	See above.
12) Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Yes, but medical support must be a specific dollar amount.
13) New Hire Reporting	No.
14) Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	Yes.
15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes.
16) Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	38-1-16 NMSA 1978, 40-6A-201 NMSA 1978, and 40-6A-314 NMSA 1978
17) Automated Locate Resources	DMV, DOL
18) Enforcement Options	
State Income Tax Refund Intercept	Yes
License Revocation/ Suspension	Yes. Professional license.
Administrative Liens	No.
Property Seizure & Sale	No.
• State Funds/Benefits	Unemployment Compensation Benefits, Worker's Compensation
• Other (please specify)	Lottery Winnings
19) Spousal Maintenance Orders (specify yes or no)	
• Establish	No
• Enforce	Yes, but only if a support obligation has been established for that spouse and the child support obligation is being enforced by this agency.
• Modify	No.

20)	Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	No.

## **B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT**

1)	State Code Citation	40-6A-101 to 40-6A-903 NMSA 1978
2)	Effective Date	07/01/95
3)	Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	Yes.
4)	Repeal URESA?	Yes.
5)	Repeal IWW?	No.

## C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1)	Income Withholding Terminology	Notice of Support Delinquency and Petition to Stay (NSD); Notice to Withhold (NTW); Immediate Income Withholding.
2)	Income Withholding Procedures	
	• State Withholding Limits	Not to exceed 50% of the obligor's income.
	• Fee Charged by Employers	\$1.00 for each withholding (optional)
	• Date to Remit	On the date payment otherwise would have been made to obligor.
	• Penalty	Judgment against the payor for the total amount that the payor willfully failed to withhold or pay over; Order of reinstatement of or award damages to the obligor, or both, where the obligor has been discharged, disciplined or otherwise penalized by the payor, or; Such other action, including action for contempt of court, as may be appropriate.
3)	Definition of Employer	"Payor" = any person or entity who provides income to an obligor
4)	Included Income	Any form of periodic payment to an obligor, regardless of source, including but not limited to wages, salary, commission, compensation as an independent contractor, workers' compensation benefits, disability benefits, annuity and retirement benefits or other benefits, or any other payments made by any person.
5)	Excluded Income	Any amounts required by law to be withheld, other than creditor claims, including but not limited to federal, state and local taxes, social security and other retirement and disability contributions; Union dues; Any amounts exempted by federal law; public assistance payments.
6)	Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	No.
7)	Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	No.

8)	Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	See number 4 above.
9)	Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	See number 5 above.
10)	Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11)	Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Yes. By filing a petition to stay service or to modify, suspend or terminate notice of withholding.
12)	Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes.
13)	Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes.
14)	Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes. The burden is on the party raising the issue to go forward with the evidence and the court must make a written finding specifying the circumstances. Also, parties may agree in writing not to have withholding.
15)	Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
	• Policy	State law requires that the orders shall receive priority in payment according to the date of service on the payor.
	• Priority	See above.
	• Assistance	Central Office responds to requests for assistance.
	• Allocation	Assistance can be requested.

# D. PATERNITY

1)	Interstate Paternity Procedures	Judicial/Quasi Judicial
	<b>Consent Orders Obtained</b>	Yes.
2)	Uniform Parentage Act	Yes.
3)	<b>Uniform Act on Blood Testing</b>	No.
4)	Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes.
5)	Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	No.
6)	Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Yes.

	Threshold	99%
7)	Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Yes. Rebuttable.
8)	Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes.
9)	Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	If the mother was not married at the time of either conception or birth, but the father has signed an acknowledgment of paternity, the father's name, date of birth and social security number shall be entered on the acknowledgment of paternity. The name of the father shall not be entered on the certificate of birth without the written consent of the mother and the person to be named as the father, unless a determination of paternity has been made by a court, in which case the name of the father as determined by the court shall be entered.
10)	Other Statutory Presumptions	Yes. See 40-11-5 NMSA 1978.
11)	Recognition of Common Law Marriage	No, but recognized if legally established in another state.
12)	Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	Yes, depending upon attorney's assessment of need for testimony in contested cases.
	Acceptable Methods of Testimony	Obligee may be ordered to present evidence by deposition.
13)	Long-Arm Statute	Yes.
14)	Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	
	Service of Process	Yes.
	Genetic Testing	Yes.
15)	Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes.

## E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1)	Interstate Procedures	UIFSA adopted verbatim.
2)	Income Considered for Setting Support	"Income" means actual gross income of a parent if employed to full capacity or potential income if unemployed or underemployed. The gross income of a parent means only the income and earnings of that parent and not the income of subsequent spouses. "Gross income" includes income from any source and includes but is not limited to income from salaries, wages, tips, commissions, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits, workers compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, significant in-kind benefits that reduce personal living expenses, prizes and alimony or maintenance received.

3)	Criteria for Rebuttal	A finding on the record that application would be unjust or inappropriate which may include that a substantial hardship would be worked on any party.
4)	Support Order for Prior Periods	Yes. Support retroactive to the date of the child's birth. May direct the father to pay reasonable expenses of the mother's pregnancy, birth and confinement.

### F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part "G")

### I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1)	Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Same as for resident family.
2)	Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	Yes.
3)	Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Yes, if administrative remedies are not sufficient.

#### II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4)	Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	Income Withholding
5)	Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	All remedies available.
6)	UIFSA/URESA Registration and Enforcement Procedure	A support order or income withholding order issued in another state may be registered in this state for enforcement under UIFSA.
7)	Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	None.
8)	Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	39-4A-1 to 39-4A-6 NMSA 1978.

### G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1)	Jurisdiction Requirements	UIFSA
2)	<b>Modification Procedures</b>	Review notice sent via automated system every 3 years. Financial affidavits or information obtained through automated interface used to complete review. Obligor and obligee notified of review results in writing by department. If review indicates modification, both

	parties are given 30 days to respond to finding. Right to seek modification rests with the department in cases with assignment of support rights.
3) Criteria for Modification	If application of current guidelines would result in a deviation upward or downward of more than 20% of the existing support obligation and the petition for modification is filed more than one year after the filing of the pre-existing order.
4) Criteria for Change of Circumstances	Not defined in statute.
5) Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	At least once every 3 years in AFDC cases. At either parties request in Non-AFDC cases.
6) Criteria for Review	See above.
7) Criteria for Adjustment	See above.

## H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

### ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1)	Controlling Order	CEJ analysis per UIFSA.
2)	Date of Controlling Order	Analysis per UIFSA.
3)	If No Controlling Order	Will recognize most recent.
4)	Arrears Procedure	Initiating state must calculate arrears. If no challenge to arrears, no formal hearing is necessary.

# I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certification required for each document
Establishment of Paternity and Support	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal Uniform Support Petition General Testimony Affidavit in Support of Establishing Paternity (for each child)	1 1 1	

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each document	Certification required for each document
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal  New Mexico Order  Verified Delinquency Calculation	1 1 1	
Modification of Responding States' Orders	Same as Enforcement of Responding State's Order		
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal Support Order and all Modifications Uniform Support Petition OR Certified Statement by the Custodian of the Records	1 2 1	C B
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	Same as for Administrative Enforcement of Another State's Order		
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	See Enforcement		
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	Authenticated Copy of the Foreign Judgment Affidavit	1	
Modification of Another State's Order	See Enforcement of Another State's Order		
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	As provided by OCSE.		
Assistance/Discovery	As provided by OCSE.		
Quick Locate	Quick Locate forms as provided by OCSE.		

<sup>\*</sup>A = Notarization by Notary Public; B = Certification by signature of agency official;

C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);

E= Certification not required

# J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT
	Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Rick Medina, Deputy Director P.O. Box 25109 Santa Fe, NM 87505 (505) 827-7200 FAX: (505) 827-7285
Central Registry	Anna Serna, Central Registry same as above
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	Anna Serna, Central Registry same as above
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	Helen Nelson, Chief Counsel same as above
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	Jerry Griffin, Bureau Chief same as above
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	Jerry Griffin, Bureau Chief
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	Jerry Griffin, Bureau Chief
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no "case" in your State) for	Helen Nelson, Chief Counsel same as above
Service of Process	Don Levering, Manager
(private process server? If so , list)	same as above
Genetic Testing	Jerry Griffin, Bureau Chief
( e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing)	same as above
New Hire Reporting Contact	Christine Garcia, Policy Coordinator same as above
Employer Assistance Contact	Christine Garcia, Policy Coordinator same as above
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests (if any)	none
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests (if any)	none
Privatization Contact	Don Levering, Manager
	same as above

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